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1. In early 1954, the double-track Beuthen line was in good condition. A coaling station was located in Beuthen, and a water station in Groschowitz and Brieg. Locomotives took on water and coal in Brockau and water either in Ohlau or Brieg and at Groschowitz.
2. The double-track Beuthen-Gleiwitz-Heydebreck line was in good condition. A coaling and water station was located at Heydebreck.
3. The single-track [redacted]-Ruderswald line was in good condition. Ruderswald served as a border station for traffic to and from Czechoslovakia. A coaling and water station was located there. Trains operating into Czechoslovakia were strictly checked at the border and then taken over by Czech railroad personnel and Czech locomotives. There was little contact between Polish and Czech locomotive engineers.
4. The double-track Beuthen-Karsznice main railroad line was in good condition. Tarnowitz and Karsznice were coaling and water stations on this line but could be taken on at Herby Nowe.
5. A [redacted] railroad line was built between Zawiercie and [redacted]. The [redacted] line was in good condition. A coaling and water station was located at Zawiercie but only water could be taken on at [redacted].
6. The double-track Beuthen-Krzeszow main railroad line was in good condition and had [redacted] power. Traffic on this line was hampered by the existence of a wooden bridge about 600 meters past [redacted] in the direction of Szczakowa. A speed limit of 5 km per hour was in effect on this bridge. The line was provided with an electric switch system. [redacted] locomotives took on water and coal at Trzebinia and only water at Krzeszowice.
7. The pay of Polish railroadmen was rather poor compared to the wage rates of industrial workers. For this reason there was a continuous shortage of railroadmen, especially firemen for locomotives. A fireman earned about 1,000 Zloty per month and was supposed to work 240 hours but he usually

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discontent among locomotive firemen which is enhanced by frequent damages occurring to locomotives, which had to be kept running at all costs because locomotives are in short supply in Poland. [redacted] the situation in the field of gondola cars was not so critical.

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1. [redacted] Comment. This railroad line was double-track during the German time. The info [redacted] paragraph indicates that one track has been dis [redacted] Polish line connects to the Bohumin-Zilina [redacted] Czechoslovakia. The latter line, which is the main East-West route in Slovakia is being double-tracked and partially electrified. It may therefore be assumed that the Polish line will be double-tracked in the near future.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The construction [redacted] in the press. Coal mines are [redacted] The exploitation of these mine [redacted] line.

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